

Kids In The Meaford Hall Arts Society

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Grants & Donations Committee
The Town of the Blue Mountains
City Hall, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Attn.: Tracy Petrescu

Dear Grants & Donations Committee,


Enclosed please find our cheque for \$1,560, the amount you granted to our organization to help put on a play this Christmas to entertain and educate the 600 elementary school children from the Beaver Valley Community School for free. Because of COVID, we will, unfortunately, not be able to mount a production this Christmas so we are returning your \$1,560 grant for this year. I am sure you will find good use for these funds.

However, we are looking forward to resuming our annual Christmas-time theatrical productions in 2022. We will again be applying for a grant. Realizing that almost half the students attending our performances come from the Beaver Valley school we first applied for funding in 2020. With the cost of mounting these productions reaching to from \$10,000 to \$12,000 each year, we desperately need the additional funding from the Town of the Blue Mountains. Each year we have asked you for a \$2,500 grant based on the annual \$3,000 grant we receive from the Municipality of Meaford. On a per-student basis, Meaford gives us \$4.28 per student for their 700 elementary school students. Applying the same criteria to the 600 students at the Beaver Valley school, the Town of the Blue Mountains grant would be \$2,571, the basis for our \$2,500 request.

The first year we gratefully received \$1,200 from your organization and then \$1,560 for this year, which we are returning. When we apply for 2022, we plan to ask you for \$2,500 again. We hope that the Town of the Blue Mountains will bring their support to same per-student level as Meaford, so we can continue to provide our educational and entertainment program for the students in the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Thanks again for the support we have received from your organization. We look forward to applying again in 2022.

Yours Sincerely,



John Hethrington
Fundraising Chair